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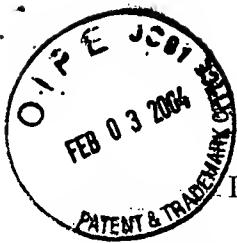
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE: Method and Apparatus For
Reducing the Intensity of
Hurricanes at Sea by Deep-Water
Upwelling

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, the three month shortened statutory period during which to respond thereto expiring on January 3, 2004 having been extended to February 3, 2004 by authorization to charge all required extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, Applicant submits the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached formal drawings as replacement sheets for the as-filed drawings;

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper; and

An **Appendix** with formal drawings to replace the drawings filed on November 28, 2001 is attached following page 9 of this paper.

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